

Applicant	:	Nguyen Tran
Appl. No.	:	10/972,048
Examiner	:	Michael D. McDuffie
Docket No.	:	705397.4017

REMARKS

In the office action, the examiner rejected claims 1-15 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Michael et al. (USP 6732368), claims 16-19 under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Falvo (USA 2003/0140343) in view of Croy (USP 6476825), and claim 20 under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Falvo in view of Croy and further in the view of Segal (USP 6765557). In response, Applicants have amended claims 1—15 and cancelled claims 16—20. Applicants have carefully reviewed Michael, Falvo, Croy and Segal, and submit that claims 1-15 as currently amended are not anticipated by or unpatentable over Michael, Falvo, Croy and Segal individually or in any combination thereof. Specifically, none of the references teach or suggest, individually or in any combination thereof,

a remote control device operably coupled to the input signal sensor, the remote control device including a touch sensitive pad area and a signal transmitter, wherein the remote control device is configured to generate alpha/numeric characters through keyed entry on a keypad or stroke entry on the touch sensitive pad and generate sketch images through stroke entry on the touch sensitive pad and configured to transmit each character and image as generated in an input signal directed to the television, and

wherein the control system is configured to cause each character and image contained in input signals received from the remote control device to be displayed on an display screen in the form of a message and/or sketch image.

as claimed in claim 1. Accordingly, applicants submit that claims 1—15 meet the requirements for patentability under 35 USC 102 and 103.

In view of the foregoing amendments and subsequent remarks, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the examiner rejections of the Claims 1—15.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1—20 are in condition for allowance. Should minor matters remain, Applicants request the examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below. Should the examiner conclude that the foregoing amendments do not put the subject application in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the examiner notify the undersigned to enable the Applicant to schedule an office interview to discuss the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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